

## WEATHER

Variable cloudiness warm and humid with a few thundershowers this afternoon. Cloudy continued warm and humid tonight and tomorrow with showers and scattered thundershowers. Highest today middle and upper 80's. Lowest tonight near 70.

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## Area Woman Survives Fall From Bridge

# HURRICANE TOLL MAY REACH 300

Now, Only Four Walls



Rubble and the remains of four walls is all that is left this morning after fire destroyed the barn of Harry Heston, Newtown, last night. Newtown firemen were

able to save the nearby farmhouse. (See other picture Page 3).

Good

Evening!

S.O. Batting For 20  
Busy night in Lower Bucks.

Big barn fire in Newtown and an early morning search for a woman who plummeted off the Burlington-Bristol bridge.

On both assignments volunteers tumbled from living rooms and beds to go help their neighbors.

Newtown firemen did a splendid job of containing the fire and putting it out as soon as possible.

Japanese beetles busy Pearl Harbor in the Lower Bucks shrubbery. They're a hardy breed and it takes plenty to kill them off. Now, if we were trying to grow Japanese beetles we would probably have to feed them vitamins and special foods to get a good crop.

Same philosophy holds for the weeds. If we find a commercial use for the stuff then we would have a fortune made. Got the greatest crop you ever saw.

Hurricane Audrey filtering out. That girl roared through some of the prettiest parts of Louisiana. It probably interrupted many a gumbo and bisque dinner.

She was the first but there will be more.

Those who laughed when Bill Rigney sat down to manage may change their tune yet. Giants moving up the ladder steadily, and—who knows—could they will soon be going past those dashing Phils.

It all makes better reading anyway than the stories about who is moving where.

Tell your wife to forget reducing. Promise her you will stick through thick and thin.

Dieting may not help some women, but it gives them a lot to talk about.

Vacation time here. All roads lead to roam.

Watch your driving.

## Newtown Barn Destroyed By Fire; Damage Is \$16,000

Roaring flames destroyed one of the oldest and biggest barns in the Newtown area, last night, but fast-moving firefighters managed to save an adjacent farmhouse and storage building.

Fire broke out in the barn of Harry Heston, Frost Lane and Dolington Road, Newtown Township, shortly after 9 p.m. Nearly 50 tons of freshly-cut hay helped feed the flames.

In a few minutes, the Newtown Fire Company was on the scene. Within an hour, the fire was under control and the two nearby buildings were relieved of danger.

The barn was a total loss. It was valued at about \$12,000 with equipment damaged inside estimated at about \$4,000.

600 Chickens Die

Nearly 600 chickens were roasted to death but Heston, aided by farmhands, managed to get most farm machinery out of the building before it was too late.

The fire started a few minutes after Heston had walked out of

the barn towards the farmhouse. He had just finished milking the Heston's only cow.

Heston discovered the fire when he walked back to the barn to leave the cow out to pasture for the night. He walked inside the building and saw the fire already had a good start. He got the cow out of the building and called for

help to the house.

The Heston herd of 40 black Angus was grazing safely in the pasture. Heston and the farmhands managed to get a tractor, baler and several other pieces of equipment out of the barn.

About 600 chickens were roasting in one section of the huge L-

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## 2 Boro Policemen Obey Ultimatum

Two Bristol Borough policemen last night obeyed the ultimatum of Burgess Anthony R. Niccol to sign new charges against two drunken driving suspects whose cases were dismissed by a justice of the peace or be suspended.

The drivers will be rearrested as soon as the new warrants receive the seal of another Justice of the Peace, Eugene Spadaccino.

The original charges had been dismissed by Justice of the Peace, Peter Harkins.

The new complaints were signed by Patrolmen Peter Caro and Alfonso Lancieri.

The drivers are Joseph P. Ward, 46, of 11 Woodside Avenue, Edgely, arrested last September 29 and Raymond B. Blackman, 48, of 324 Magnolia Road, arrested March 10. Borough Justice of the Peace Peter Harkins dismissed the Ward case due to injuries the driver received in an accident that caused his arrest. He dismissed the Blackman case for lack of evidence.

The increase will add more than half a billion dollars to the nation's steel bill. Other producers, who usually follow the giant U.S. Steel's lead, are expected to follow its price increase pattern.

All items manufactured from steel, from safety pins to locomotives, most likely will reflect the increase.

The price increase, coming just one day after President Eisenhower's renewed plea to industry and labor to practice restraint in price and wage boosts, brought angry comments in Congress.

"Mr. Eisenhower's requests don't seem to have much effect, do they?" Rep. Brent Spence (D-Ky.) said.

House Democratic whip Carl

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Mr. Niccol said he ordered the new arrests "because drunken driving has got to be stopped."

"If the evidence is there I want the case to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law," Mr. Niccol said. "I checked and found that these two cases were just like any other case. Under my administration as burgess we have never had any drunken driving cases like these discharged by a justice of the peace in the borough."

The burgess said he acted after consulting Bucks County District Attorney Donald W. Van Artsdalen and Borough Solicitor John B. Fullam and was told by both that a drunken driving case

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Steel Plant Guards Union Elects Officers

Ralph L. Morrison was elected president of the newly organized union for plant guards at the Fairless Works, U. S. Steel Corp.

Other officers elected were:

John Haas, vice president; Walter Mack, recording secretary;

Hugh Callahan, financial secretary and treasurer; Ray Kirkendoll, sergeant at arms, and

Martin McMahon, guide.

Elected to the negotiating com-

mittee were James Curtin, Mich-

ael Nemchik, George Robinson and Thomas Stake.

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## La. Town Vanishes In Strong Winds

LAKE CHARLES, La. (UP) — Hurricane Audrey, in a crushing sweep through the defenseless coastlands of Louisiana and Texas, may have killed as many as 300 persons.

The full extent of the tragedy—Audrey struck the coast yesterday with 105-mile-an-hour winds and was far to the north—was not known until today when reports began to filter in from Cameron, 30 miles south of Lake Charles.

A Lake Charles, La., weather bureau official reported to weather bureau emergency headquarters in Washington that 200 to 300 persons were dead in the vicinity of Cameron and Creole, La.

Capt. Allen Marshall, whose tug was aground at Cameron, reported by radio that 87 persons were dead and 100 to 300 were missing and might be dead.

Eighteen deaths and more than 100 injuries were reported before reports of a major disaster arrived from Cameron.

### Sees Town Vanish

Marshall said that during a moment's lull in the storm, he saw Cameron, a town of 950 persons, vanish, except for the courthouse.

Weather bureau officials said they had no confirmation of reports that 1,000 persons may have been killed.

Rooftops of homes in Lake Charles were ripped off by the storm and from 1,000 to 1,500 houses were flooded by nearly seven inches of rain.

Some 5,000 cattle took refuge on the high ground around Cameron and Creole.

The spokesman reported that the eye of the slow-moving hurricane took about two hours to move over the nearby community of Orange. A hurricane's eye normally takes only an hour to pass a given point. He said no damage reports had been received as yet from Orange.

A deputy sheriff at Abbeville La., said he feared that "quite a few" were killed along the coast of his parish.

As the hurricane swept inland yesterday, it wiped out communications. It was almost impossible to telephone to many points in

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## Atomic Device Proves Dud

ATOMIC TEST SITE, Nev. (UP)—An atomic device short-circuited and failed to fire today, turning the scheduled sixth nuclear test of the 1957 series into a potentially deadly dud before American and foreign correspondents.

The Atomic Energy Commission had to choose a

team of volunteers to disarm the

device which was perched atop a

500-foot steel tower on Yucca Flat.

It was the second mis-firing in

the history of the Nevada Prov-

ing Grounds experiments where

50 previous blasts have been set off. The last similar misfire was

five years ago.

The officers will seek charter as

a local.

The members also will start

negotiations with the steel com-

pany for a contract as soon as

possible.

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Second Front Page

## Bids to Be Asked On 2 New Schools

Bristol Township's proposed new Junior High and elementary schools will go out for bids in two months. It is hoped that the two schools will be completed by September 1958.

Bids for the elementary school, to be built on the Booz tract, Green Lane near Emilie Road, will go out Aug. 15 and be opened Sept. 12.

### Off Route 13

The junior school, to be built off Route 413, will be let for bid on Aug. 12. Bids will be opened Sept. 24.

The township school board at a meeting with bond counsel and members of the school authority agreed to float one bond issue to finance the two schools.

In addition the board agreed

## Steel Hike

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Albert (Okla.) called for an immediate congressional investigation into the "irresponsible" action of U.S. Steel.

Economists said the price increase announced by U.S. Steel was lower than expected, apparently reflecting industry concern over inflation and the possibility of a congressional investigation of its pricing policies.

The price rise goes into effect July 1 the same day that steelworkers get an automatic pay increase under the three-year no-strike pact signed last August. That contract ended a 34-day steel strike.

### Tries to Stop

The engineer of the train, William Mershon, 9 Wenvover Road, Yardley, said he tried to stop the train when the woman drove right in front of him.

Policeman said the train hit the woman's car almost broadside totally wrecking it and sending the woman hurtling several feet into the air.

A passerby, Walter G. Ritter, Edgely, took the woman to her home before the arrival of police.

### Fairless Employee

Both the Bristol woman and Mr. Ritter are employed at the Fairless Works of U.S. Steel.

The train was filled with gravel and sand and was operating on the Warner Company's private railroad line.

## Units Asked to Take Part In Gallup Poll

Levittown organizations were offered an opportunity to raise funds and enjoy a relaxing evening at the same time by the Public Opinion Surveys, a division of the Gallup Poll, nationally known research organization of Princeton, N.J., today.

Gallup is currently engaged in an exclusive survey of Levittown and Mrs. Vernetta Parks, area Gallup representative, announced that the evening's activities will consist of a movie viewing and a written questionnaire relative to it.

Both men and women are needed, and the polling is done in a converted, air-conditioned theatre in Hopewell, N.J., which is 23 miles from Levittown.

Refreshments are served and small gifts distributed to everyone participating. In addition, the survey group will send \$1 on behalf of each person polled to any organization, charity or club designated, for each night.

The current poll is being done in two sessions. Anyone desiring to participate must attend both and has a choice of the following eight nights: 1st session, July 1, 2, 8, or 9, and 2nd session, July 15, 16, 17, or 18.

For information or group appointments, Mrs. Parks said she should be contacted at WI 5-3171.

## Atomic

(Continued From Page One) by a "failure of power to reach the device."

"We believe there was a power circuit failure at the tower. As yet we do not know why this happened," the AEC said.

Some 300 observers were stationed at this vantage point called News Nob 14 miles from the detonation site in the Nevada Proving Grounds. But they were ordered evacuated from the site within 15 minutes after the pre-dawn countdown of the minutes and seconds ended in a big nothing.

In the 1952 mis-firing, Dr. Jack Clark, assistant test director, volunteered for the disarming assignment—successfully.

Later, he said the experience was "something more than shaky." He had climbed the rungs of a 300-foot tower, 200 feet less than the slender steel web supporting the device that failed at 4:45 a.m. p.d.t. today.

### Tense Situation

Maj. Bill Koons, Army public information officer and one of the military observers on News Nob, described the situation among the 300 newsmen and observers as "tense...and very interesting."

"Everybody had to keep their dark glasses on and you can't see a thing with them on," he said.

Newsmen having to move about on the site, however, were forced to take off their glasses to see to move about. But they walked backboards with their backs to the bomb site—in case the blast suddenly went off with its blinding flash.

The dark glasses they wore were so dark—4.3 density—that they were opaque in bright daylight.

## All In Vain

(Continued From Page One) paint sign to load their boat to the trailer, then launch it in the Delaware. When the search was over they found the paint job completely ruined by the water and sand. The wet paint had spread to the trailer and the firemen and their clothes.

This morning they're back to work, scraping and painting all over again.

## L'Town Swimming Pool Registration To End

Levittowners have their last chance to register for the swimming pool tonight at the Administration Building from 6 to 9 p.m.

### News Tip Call May Mean \$5.00

If you've got a keen sense for news, it could mean extra bucks for you. Whatever the news tip might be, just phone the news Tip Editor, Courier and Times, Windsor 8-3235. For the best tip of the week, the Courier and Times will pay \$5.00.

## River Plunge

(Continued From Page One) Roebuck and Co. in their Levittown store. Her children are Richard, 11 and Virginia, 5.

# Tullytown Burgess Race Ballots To Be Recounted

## Levittown Women Asked To Luncheon

Full police protection and the most modern of safety measures known today are available at St. Michael the Archangel Fifth Annual Levittown Fair, Chief John Walterick of Tullytown Borough Police said today.

Chief Walterick said that "St. Michael's Fair is the most thoroughly covered of any such event I ever have seen," in a special statement issued today following the immediate dispersal of a gang of youths before they even could start trouble at the Fairgrounds Wednesday night.

Walterick emphasized that private guards, off-duty and auxiliary officers and private citizens with police experience are on the Fairgrounds every minute it is open. The Fair began last Monday, June 24, and runs through Saturday, July 6.

The youths were sent home after five of them had been seized by the Tullytown Police at the first sign of contemplated belligerence Wednesday night, Walterick said.

"No such situation could possibly provide any unpleasantness at this Fair or at any public assemblage in Tullytown," Walterick said in his statement.

### Fireworks Show

He also emphasized that the fireworks show schedule for St. Michael's Fair will have complete protection from fireworks experts, fire police, firemen and police officers who are available at the Fairgrounds at any time.

"St. Michael's," Mr. Walterick said, "has taken every precaution known to man today in setting up this Fair. All refreshment stands have been fully inspected and cleared by the Board of Health. The fireworks exhibit has been planned with safety as the keynote, even though it will be the largest in Bucks County. For any minor accidents such as scratches and bruises, a special unit of the Levittown Emergency Squad is always at hand. And the Tullytown police are instantly available."

**Firemen Set For Parade**

The big fire parade to be held tomorrow by the Levittown Fire Company 1 in honor of the dedication of its firehouse will start at 11:30 a.m. at Olds Blvd. and Newportville-Fallsington Road.

Fire companies from as far as Montgomery County will participate as well as all Lower Bucks units. In addition, the World Championship Rodeo will have a unit, and three bands will march including the Greater Lower Bucks String Band and the Levittown Sr., Drum and Bugle Corps.

The parade will proceed down Penn Valley Road, through Birch Valley section of Levittown, pick up scouting units at the Magnolia Park Pool and continue through Willowood section to Mill Creek Parkway. Marching left on the Parkway, the line will continue to Tullytown-Fallsington Road to the firehouse for dedication ceremonies.

In addition to the 30 units participating, there will be 51 pieces of vehicular equipment.

### Early Morning Blaze

Bristol firemen were called to Bancroft-Hickey manufacturing company at 5 a.m. this morning to drown a small fire in the plant.

Fire Chief Clifford Hageman said the fire damaged some paper boxes which ignited from a heat source close by.

Firemen from Bristol companies one and six as well as Consolidated fought the fire at the Green Lane and Wilson Ave. plant.

The rule regarding flotation gear was amended at last night's meeting of the LPRA Board of Trustees . . . residents will be happy, we are sure, that the non-

## First In Line



The first depositor in the Western Savings Fund bank in the Levittown Shopping Center which opened today for business is pert Virginia Ann Dworkin, four, of

62 Hollyhock Lane, Holly Hill. Her mother Lillian looks on as she is served by Blair Thomas, office manager of the new bank.

## Seeing Levittown

By LEE GARB



## FOP Lodge To Aid Chapin In Pay Fight

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shaped barn. Firemen broke into the side of building and about 50 of the chickens escaped. The rest were terrified and perished.

### Fanned by Wind

A fairly strong wind was blowing during most of the fire. Most of the time, it heisted the flames away from the house, but for about five minutes, the flames were directed right at the house and danger was imminent.

One side of the small storage building was charred but the firefighters had it pretty well wet down. The farm house was kept wet during most of the first hour.

The firefighters had to lay hose 2,200 feet to the Newtown reservoir. They were fortunate in that they had this much hose on one apparatus.

Flames were visible for miles and the Newtown Fire Police had a full-time job in controlling traffic and keeping spectators away from the immediate location of the blaze.

Heston estimated it would probably cost at least \$25,000 to replace the barn. The machinery inside and the hay were valued at about \$4,000.

Heston felt the fire may have been caused by faulty wiring but the firemen doubted this theory. They pointed out the lights and fuses in the building were not blown out.

### Firemen Praised

Mr. and Mrs. Heston were strong in their praise of the Newtown Fire Co. "The firemen did a tremendous job and we are grateful," they agreed.

The barn and the 89-acre farm it is located on have been in the Heston family for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Heston have worked it for the last 15 years.

They will be able to harvest more hay for their cattle but will have to find a place to store the hay immediately.

## Hurricane

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the stricken area today, 24 hours after the hurricane struck.

Marshall, whose tug is aground at Cameron, said:

"Sheriff O. B. Carter consulted a list he had in his hand and counted the names on it. He told me he had 87 dead and another 100 to 300 people who cannot be found and may be dead."

"He also said he has sent out by boat more than 300 people seriously injured or sick".

### One Building Left

Marshall said Sheriff Carter was at the Cameron courthouse, the only building left in town.

Sheriff Henry Reid left Lake Charles at 4 a.m. today for Cameron with a cabin cruiser, a flotilla of 21 small boats and two barges loaded with food, rescue equipment and medical supplies.

The only way to Cameron is a river. At last report, not even helicopters could land there.

The victims apparently were drowned by a storm wave. Until reports began to filter in from Cameron, it had been supposed that the death toll from Audrey was 18.

Deputy Sheriff Sam Mazilly in Lake Charles estimated that 8,000 to 10,000 persons were around Cameron yesterday when Audrey hit.

"Only about half of them are accounted for," he said.

### Town Demolished

"There was so much rain and the wind was blowing waves over my boat," Captain Marshall said. "I could hardly see land. Then, in a slack, I looked out and saw the courthouse with nothing between the court and me. The town had been demolished."

Marshall was anchored in the Calcasieu River.

## Boro Police

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may be reopened in this manner at any time within two years.

The men are to be rearrested as soon as the new warrants receive the seal of Squire Spadaccini.

### Lack of Evidence

According to the police record, Ward was arrested by Caro and Patrolman Fred Kornstiel shortly after 4 a.m. September 29, after his truck hit a traffic light pole at Bath Road and Route 13, and he was pronounced drunk at Lower Bucks County Hospital.

The hearing was held October 8. Squire Harkins discharged the case due to injuries, which included an abrasion of the chin and contusion of the lower lip.

Lancieri and Patrolman George Shire arrested Blackman early March 10, according to the police report. After his car hit a parked car, Squire Harkins discharged the case for lack of evidence.

Caro said he had at first been reluctant to sign the new complaint because "the case had been handled by a justice of the peace in our town and I felt it was closed."

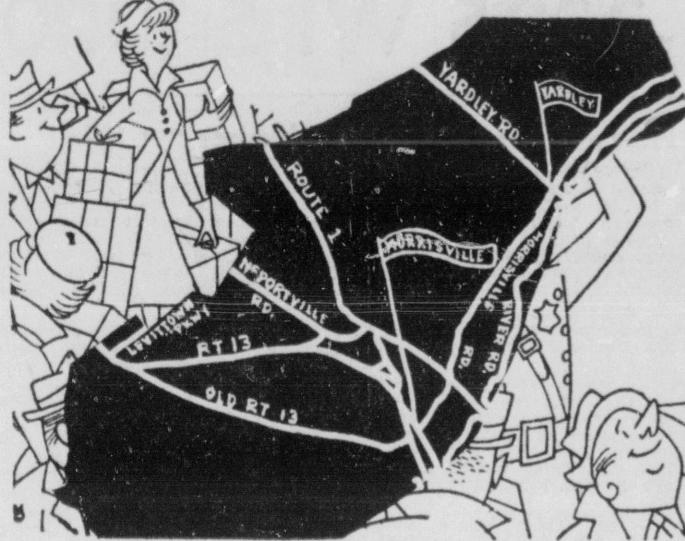
Lancieri made a similar explanation to the burgess yesterday.

Caro said the burgess yesterday afternoon told him he was suspended; then a little later gave him until 6 p.m. to sign.

## Reading Pleasure For VACATION



Ask our circulation department Phone WI 5-1000 to mail the paper to you on vacation.



## A... MESSAGE FROM

# MORRISTOWN Yardley Makefield

## Civic Unit To Ask Sewers Survey By Professionals

The Makefield Civic Association will ask the township board of supervisors for a "professional survey on the sewer situation" before the board makes a firm commitment on the sewer proposal.

Harry Hoffmeister, president of the civic group, said the request will be made at the civic association's next meeting in July.

"We will invite the supervisors to our meeting and present the proposal to them at that time," he said.

### Lack Of Survey

At the open meeting at Pennsbury High School this week, one of the complaints registered by the attending citizens was the lack of a professional survey.

"We want the word of a responsible organization that sewers are a necessity now before we take any firm stand on the matter," Mr. Hoffmeister said.

"Another gripe," he said "was the lack of a professional official from either a local or county office of the board of health."

### Health Factor

"With the sewer situation a vital health factor, we feel health officials should have been present and asked to comment at the meeting."

The association president stated that there is still an absence of complete information on the situation and "before we do anything we should have all the facts in."

"Most people probably favor the sewer installation in the long run. We are opposed to any hasty decision before all the facts related to the question are understood," he said.

The next association meeting is set for July 9 at the township building on Edgewood Road.

Tuxedo Park is comprised of about 27 square miles.

The association president said various zoning changes would be made necessary before Lower Makefield could accept commercial development.

Members of the association making the trip included Mr. Hoffmeister, John Eckel, Andrew Keefe, and Peter Campbell. Ross Bennington, scheduled to make the trip, was unable to go.

**4 Area Estates Are Probated**

Inventories were filed in five area estates in the office of Bucks County Register of Wills

Fred E. Ziegler during the past few days totaling \$522,158.50.

Among wills probated were:

An estate of \$7,000 was left by Ida P. Ferguson, 84, of Upper Southampton, who died May 24.

Three daughters, Jessie E. Wilson, inherits 40 per cent; Ella E. Mora and Irma H. Harrar, each 30 per cent.

Emma Jane Stockton, 44, of Lower Makefield township, formerly of Trenton, who died May 17, left a \$50,000 estate in personal property. The husband, Robert F. Stockton, inherits one-fourth of the estate while the remaining three-fourths is left in trust to the husband to be used for the education of the children until they reach the age of 21 years.

A \$6,200 estate was left by Elizabeth E. Boyd, 84, of Bristol, who died May 25. Mae E. Zimmerman, a daughter, gets \$2,000; William H. Boyd, \$2,000; June Belle Biggs, \$1,000; Evelyn E. Frame, \$1,000. The residue goes to the daughter, Elizabeth Crosby.

Ada W. Barton, of Newtown, inherits the estate of her husband, Charles O. Barton, 79, who died May 9.

### Inventories Filed

Estate of Eleanor Abel, Upper Makefield twp., \$4,896.16.

Estate of Robert Baker, Falls twp., \$224,163.12.

Estate of Ethel R. Elting, Morrisville, \$64,240.20.

Estate of Charles Henry Moon, Middletown twp., \$111,435.29.

Estate of Clarence S. Moyer, Lower Makefield twp., \$22,862.32.

**Senate Clearing Decks For Civil Rights Bill**

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Senate cleared action today on President Eisenhower's defense budget to help clear the way for an expected lengthy fight over civil rights.

The Senate Military Appropriations Subcommittee voted late Thursday to restore \$971,504,000 of \$2,500,000,000 the House clipped from the military budget.

The action gave the President most of the \$1,200,000,000 restoration he had said was vital for the country's defense needs.

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